



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

WRIT PETITION NO.4874 OF 2025

SANTOSH S/O PURUSHOTTAM MATHE AND OTHERS

VS

STATE OF MAHA., THR. PRINCIPAL, SECY., DEPT., OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
WATER CONSERVATION AND ORS.

*Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
Appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders.*

Court's or Judge's order

Mr. Rugved Dhore, Advocate for the petitioner/s
Ms K.P. Marpakwar, AGP for the respondent Nos.1 and 2/State

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, JJ.

DATE : 25.08.2025

1. Heard.
2. The Petitioners have contended that they have not completed five years of service on the present postings. Therefore, in terms of Clause 1.10 of the Policy dated 07/04/2021, they are entitled to retain their services at the present postings.
3. The Petitioners have also relied upon an order dated 16 January 2025 of the Division Bench of this Court in the matter of *Sangita Rajendera Hole and Others Vs. The State of Maharashtra and Ors.*¹, wherein on similar facts, the parties in that matter were directed to maintain *status quo*.
4. We have gone through the averments made in the petition as well as the order passed in the case of *Sangita Hole* (Supra).
5. *Prima facie*, from the record, it seems that the

1 Civil Application (CAW) No.40/2025 in WP No.7287/2024

Petitioners are entitled to the ad-interim relief, as they contend that they have not completed five years of service of the present posting.

6. In that view of the matter, issue notice to the respondents, returnable on **22.09.2025**.

7. The learned AGP waives service of notice for the respondent/State.

8. The petitioners are permitted to serve the remaining respondents by private mode, in addition to the regular mode of service and file an affidavit by next date, failing which the petitioners shall deposit costs of Rupees Five Hundred with the High Court Gazetted Officers' Association, Nagpur.

9. In the meantime, the parties are directed to maintain *status quo* till next date.

(AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)